

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits Component Budget Summary

Component: Educational Benefits

Contribution to Department's Mission

Increase recruitment and retention by offering improved educational benefits to members of the Alaska National Guard and Naval Militia.

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- Reimbursement of tuition and fees to Guard Members who utilize the Non-University of Alaska Tuition Assistance Program

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$80,000

Personnel:

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| Full time | 0 |
| Part time | 0 |
| Total | 0 |

Key Component Challenges

UA Tuition Scholarship Program:

In October 2003, 1 undergraduate credit was \$82. In October 2007 that same credit cost \$128. Today the same credit costs \$134. All of the FY08 funds for this program were exhausted before the 2008 summer semester.

State Tuition Assistance Program (Non-UA Schools):

Rising costs of tuition and increased demand for educational benefits continue to occur.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

In the Governor's FY2010 Request, it is proposed to move the University of Alaska(UA) portion of the education benefits available to members of the Alaska National Guard to the UA Budget/Program. The transfer of funding for this program to the UA will allow for efficiencies in program delivery.

The DMVA will continue to provide administration of the State Tuition Assistance Program (Non-UA Schools).

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

In FY08, 270 guard members used the University of Alaska Tuition Assistance Waiver Program to obtain their education.

In FY08, 27 guard members utilized the Non-University of Alaska Tuition Assistance Program.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 26.05.295-298 Educational assistance for enlisted personnel

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Educational Benefits Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

| | FY2008 Actuals | FY2009 Management Plan | FY2010 Governor |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Non-Formula Program: | | | |
| Component Expenditures: | | | |
| 71000 Personal Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 72000 Travel | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 73000 Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 74000 Commodities | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 75000 Capital Outlay | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 77000 Grants, Benefits | 400.9 | 408.5 | 80.0 |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Expenditure Totals | 400.9 | 408.5 | 80.0 |
| Funding Sources: | | | |
| 1004 General Fund Receipts | 400.9 | 408.5 | 80.0 |
| Funding Totals | 400.9 | 408.5 | 80.0 |

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

| | <u>General Funds</u> | <u>Federal Funds</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FY2009 Management Plan | 408.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 408.5 |
| Adjustments which will continue current level of service: | | | | |
| -Transfer UA Tuition Assistance Waiver Program Funding to the University of Alaska | -328.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -328.5 |
| FY2010 Governor | 80.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 80.0 |